



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 311**

Senate Bill No. 190

*Senate, April 3, 2013*

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL  
DIRT BIKE OPERATION AND A STUDY OF A TITLE SYSTEM FOR  
DIRT BIKE OWNERSHIP.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) Any municipality may  
2      prescribe a penalty of not more than two thousand dollars for any  
3      violation of a municipal ordinance or regulation concerning the  
4      unlawful operation of any dirt bike within such municipality.

5      Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
6      shall conduct a study concerning the implementation of a system to  
7      issue certificates of title to owners of dirt bikes. Such study shall  
8      include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the procedures, benefits  
9      and costs of implementing such system. Not later than February 1,  
10     2014, the commissioner shall submit a report of the findings of such  
11     study, including the commissioner's recommendations, in accordance  
12     with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
13     standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

- 14 matters relating to transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 14 \$</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

### ***Explanation***

The bill allows municipalities to levy a fine of up to \$2,000 for violating a municipal ordinance concerning unlawful operation of a dirt bike. Under current law, the fine for violating local ordinances and regulations is capped at \$250 unless the statutes specifically provide for a different amount.

It is unknown how much revenue municipalities receive due to violations of municipal ordinances relating to use of a dirt bike. To the extent municipalities choose to increase their fines for such violations, there is a potential revenue increase.

The bill's provision requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study on implementing a system to issue certificates of titles to dirt bike owners is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fines levied.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 190*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DIRT BIKE OPERATION AND A STUDY OF A TITLE SYSTEM FOR DIRT BIKE OWNERSHIP.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows municipalities to set a penalty of up to \$2,000 for violating an ordinance or regulation on unlawful dirt bike operation. By law, the fine for violating local ordinances and regulations is capped at \$250 unless the statutes specifically provide for a different amount (CGS § 7-148).

The bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner to conduct a study on implementing a system to issue certificates of title to dirt bike owners. The study must include an evaluation of the procedures, benefits, and costs of implementing the system. The commissioner must submit a report of the study's findings and her recommendations to the Transportation Committee by February 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013, except the study provision is effective upon passage.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23      Nay 11      (03/15/2013)